

Water Advisory Committee of Orange County

Peer Swan
Chairman

May 1, 2007

Mr. John Kirlin
Executive Director, Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Commission
California Bay-Delta Program
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Delta Vision Process

Dear Mr. Kirlin:

At its monthly meeting on April 13, 2007, the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) adopted a set of guiding principles related to the development and implementation of a Delta restoration and management plan by the State of California.

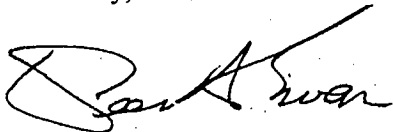
WACO firmly believes that any plan that is to be presented for the consideration of the Schwarzenegger Administration and the California Legislature must fully address the following policy issues:

- 1) California's water supply must be protected to the maximum extent practicable from earthquake and flood interruptions.
- 2) The Delta must be protected to the maximum extent practicable from the projected effects of rising sea levels over the next 100 years.
- 3) All practicable steps should be taken to improve the quality of the water being delivered, moving the point of diversions away from major partially-treated sewage inflows and other contaminated return flows.
- 4) A more NATURAL and sustainable environment must be reestablished within the Delta and all steps practicable should be taken to remove non-native species from the Delta environment.

We urge you and your colleagues on the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Commission to support these principles and work with water advocates throughout the state to ensure that a meaningful and focused Delta restoration and management plan is not only developed but implemented effectively.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at pswan@ix.netcom.com.

Sincerely,



Peer A. Swan
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Enclosure: Principles for the Restoration and Management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta

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Principles for the Restoration and Management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta

The Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta is the hub of California's water system. It is critical to our state's drinking water supply, but also to agriculture, transportation, power and fuel transmission, and to the environment – all of which contribute to our economy and quality of life.

Efforts are presently underway to develop a Delta Vision and long-term management plan for this fragile natural resource that serves so many critical purposes and benefits many diverse stakeholder interests in our state.

The recently released Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) report entitled *Envisioning Futures for the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta* states that, "Management strategies for the Delta that satisfy these often competing interests have been discussed and debated for almost 100 years, at times leading to acrimonious divisions between Northern and Southern California, environmental and economic interests, and agricultural and urban water users. Recently, the Delta has again taken center stage in debates on California water policy, with broad implications for statewide environmental, land use, and flood control policies. The Delta is widely perceived to be in crisis in several ways."

The Water Advisory Committee of Orange County, as an advocate for meaningful and results-oriented solutions for meeting California's long-term water supply needs, believes now is the time for the State of California to take action in determining the future of the Delta. Therefore, we, the undersigned members of the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County, hereby adopt the following core principles for which we will advocate with any proposed Delta restoration and management plan:

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Adopted, this Thirteenth day of April, Two-Thousand Seven, by the following individuals: